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REMARKS

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14 and 15, drawn to a polypeptide comprising at its C-terminus the heptapeptide Cys-Phe-Trp-Lys-Tyr-Cys-Xaa, wherein Xaa represents Val or Ile, and having at least 45% similarity with the polypeptide sequence set forth as SEQ ID NO: 1, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the polypeptide and methods of using the polypeptide;

Group II: Claims 3-9 and 13, drawn to a purified nucleic acid fragment wherein said nucleic acid fragment constitutes at least an oligonucleotide derived from a fragment consisting of a sequence encoding a polypeptide of Group I or complement thereof, a vector, host cell and kit comprising said purified nucleic acid fragment, wherein said fragment a human sequence;

Group III: Claims 3-9 and 13, drawn to a purified nucleic acid fragment wherein said nucleic acid fragment constitutes at least an oligonucleotide derived from a fragment consisting of a sequence encoding a polypeptide of